

OPINION 1220

HALECIUM OKEN, 1815, (COELENTERATA, HYDROIDA):
RULED TO BE AN AVAILABLE NAME AND CONSERVED

RULING.— (1) Under the plenary powers:

(a) The generic name *Halecium* Oken, 1815, a name published in a work rejected for nomenclatural purposes in Opinion 417, is hereby ruled to be an available name;

(b) All designations of type species hitherto made for the genus *Thoa* Lamouroux, 1816, are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Sertularia halecina* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby designated as type species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Halecium* Oken, 1815 (gender: neuter), type species, by subsequent designation by Naumov, 1860, *Sertularia halecina* Linnaeus, 1758, and as ruled under the plenary powers to be an available name in (1)(a) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2162.

(3) The specific name *halecina* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sertularia halecina* (specific name of type species of *Halecium* Oken, 1815) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2812.

(4) The family-group name *HALECIIDAE* Hincks, 1868 (type genus: *Halecium* Oken, 1815) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 538.

(5) The generic name *Thoa* Lamouroux, 1816, a junior objective synonym of *Halecium* Oken, 1815 through the ruling under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2126.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 2116

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Halecium* Oken, 1815, was first received from Dr P.F.S. Cornelius (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 10 April 1975. It was sent to the printer on 16 May 1975 and published on 30 January 1976 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, pp. 252–254. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to ten general periodicals.

Dr Lemche observed that the purpose of the application could be met without suppressing *Thoa* Lamouroux, 1816, as originally proposed, if that name was made a junior objective synonym of *Halecium* Oken, 1815 by designating *Sertularia halecina* Linnaeus,

1758 as type species of the genus. This was accepted by Dr Cornelius and resulted in a more economical set of proposals to the Commission. Dr Lemche's comment and Dr Cornelius's reply were published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 33, p. 72. No other comments were received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 October 1981 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1981) 17 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, p. 253, but with points (1)(b), (3), (4)(b) and (5)(b) withdrawn. At the close of the voting period on 6 January 1982, the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Sabrosky, Willink, Trjapitzin, Corliss, Vokes, Brinck, Tortonese, Hahn, Lehtinen, Alvarado, Binder, Habe, Heppell, Dupuis, Nye, Welch, Bayer, Cogger

Negative Votes — none.

Late affirmative votes were received from Halvorsen, Ride and Starobogatov. No votes were returned by Bernardi and Kraus.

Dupuis commented: 'Je vote pour, compte tenu des amendements Lemche et Cornelius, en exprimant ma satisfaction sur deux points: (1) il faut toujours restreindre une demande au plus petit nombre possible de noms; (2) il ne faut jamais hésiter à remettre en cause une Opinion antérieure (la suppression en bloc des noms d'un ouvrage est une erreur historique: l'on doit seulement supprimer des noms si nécessaire, et un par un).'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

HALECIIDAE Hincks, 1868, *History of British hydroid zoophytes* (London), p. 220

halecina, *Sertularia*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10), vol. 1, p. 809

Halecium Oken, 1815, *Lehrbuch der Naturgeschichte*, vol. 3, pt 1, p. 91

Thoa Lamouroux, 1816, *Histoire des polypiers coralligènes flexibles, vulgairement nommés zoophytes* (Caen), p. 210.

The following is the original reference to a type-species designation accepted in the ruling given in the present Opinion: of *Sertularia halecina* as type species of *Halecium* Oken, 1815, by Naumov, 1960, *Fauna SSSR*, vol. 70, p. 442.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(81)17 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1220.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

8 March 1982